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Sir:

Prior to examination in the above listed application and further to the election made in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed May 5, 2003 (Paper No. 25), entry of the following amendments is respectfully requested.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on <u>June 11, 2003</u>, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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